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Serial No. 09/923,764)	
)	Examiner: Stuart Hendrickson
Filing Date: August 7, 2001)	
)	Art Unit: 1754
For: DEVICE AND ASSOCIATED)	
METHODS FOR REMOVAL OF)	
CHLORINE FROM WATER)	

SUPPLEMENTAL
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(c)

Honorable Commissioner of
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Sir:

Applicant files this supplemental IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(c) and in response to the notice mailed by the Office on February 14, 2005, in the above referenced application.

Undersigned counsel hereby certifies the following under 37 CFR 1.97(e)(2):

(1) the reference by Henning and Schäfer, previously filed with the Office and resubmitted herewith for the record as Exhibit B, a paper titled "Impregnated Activated Carbon For Environmental Protection", was obtained from the web site of a German corporation;

(2) the reference was discovered by Applicant during a search of the internet for materials that might explain the mode of action of activated

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carbon, a search conducted specifically in order to more fully respond to the Examiner's concerns as expressed in the last pending Office action;

(3) that Applicant is unable to state with any certainty whether the submitted reference is or is not prior art to the application, as the original date of publication of this article is not known and is not evident on the document as downloaded from the internet;

(4) nevertheless, since the document provides an explanation of the action of impregnated activated carbon, Applicant believes the information is relevant to the Examiner's concerns regarding possible obviousness of the claimed invention, therefore, without admission as to the prior art status of the article by Henning and Schäfer, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider its explanation as an indication of what those skilled in the art believe to be the mechanism of action of iodine impregnated activated carbon; and

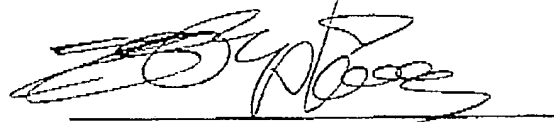
(5) that the submitted article was not known to anyone associated with this application, as specified in 37 CFR 1.56(c), more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement or the filing of the response to the Office action wherein this article was submitted.

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Conclusion

If the further prosecution could be facilitated through a telephone conference between the Examiner and the undersigned, the Examiner is respectfully encouraged to telephone the undersigned at his convenience.

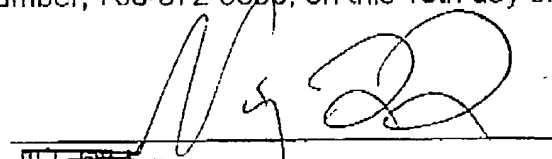
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